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# GM 523 JADE BUTAY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DEPUTY DIRECTOR

### MEREDITH CHING SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT ALEXANDER & BALDWIN, INC.

#### **FEBRUARY 24, 2015**

Chair Nishihara and Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation:

Thank you for this opportunity to express my support for the confirmation of Jade Butay as the Deputy Director of the State Department of Transportation.

I have known of Mr. Butay during his prior appointment as Deputy Director of the State Department of Transportation from 2011 to 2013. In this position, Mr. Butay utilized his extensive past experience and administrative skills to plan, direct, and coordinate various activities for the Airports, Harbors, and Highways Divisions of the Department of Transportation. He also effectively oversaw the Department's administrative divisions to enhance the efficiency and productivity of the department.

Recently, I was able to work directly with Jade in his interim role as Deputy Director for the DOT and found him to be very approachable, responsive, and a dedicated worker. I believe that his experience, dedication, and commitment will be of great benefit to the State Department of Transportation.

It is based on these observations that I support Jade Butay's appointment as the Deputy Director of the State Department of Transportation.

Thank you for your favorable consideration.

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> Testimony by Harry Saunders President, Castle & Cooke Hawai'i

Before the Senate Committee on TRANSPORTATION February 24, 2015; 2:45 p.m.; Room 229

In Support of GM 523

CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION OF JADE BUTAY
For
Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation

Dear Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Harimoto and Members of the Senate Committee on Transportation:

We support the nomination of JADE BUTAY for the Director of the Department of Transportation.

Mr. Butay has already successfully served as Deputy Director for Administration at the Department of Transportation and has proven to be fully capable of the position.

Mr. Butay has since enhanced his background with valuable experience as the Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

Mr. Butay's experience with managing programs related to labor relations, worker productivity and physical and economic well-being makes him more than capable of administering a department of 3,750 employees as they take on the challenges dealing with our airports, harbors and highways.

We respectfully request your confirmation of Jade Butay as the Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation.

Please contact me at 548-4863 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Harry A. Saunders President



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Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Present at Hearing
David Z. Arakawa	Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments: The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii supports the confirmation of Gubenatorial nominee, Jade Butay, as the Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation, for a term to expire on December 3, 2018

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## Hawai'i Construction Alliance



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February 24, 2015

The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair The Honorable Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair and members Senate Committee on Transportation Hawai'i State Capitol Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Support for GM523, nominating Jade Butay as Deputy Director of DOT

Dear Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Harimoto, and members,

The Hawai'i Construction Alliance is comprised of the Hawai'i Regional Council of Carpenters; the Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' Union, Local 630; International Union of Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers, Local 1; the Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 368; and the Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 3. Together, the member unions of the Hawai'i Construction Alliance represent 15,000 working men and women in the basic crafts of Hawai'i's construction industry.

We are in support of the nomination of Jade Butay as Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation. His extensive experience in both the public and private sector will add significant value to the Department of Transportation as it moves forward in its mission of planning, designing, constructing, operating, and maintaining State facilities in all modes of transportation, including air, water, and land.

We are pleased to note that his background includes two years of working as Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, where he supervised areas relating to employment services, occupational safety and health, apprenticeship, and wage enforcement, and also in private sector construction. Through these experiences, he has gained valuable insight into the issues affecting our members as they relate to transportation and public works projects.

Therefore, we humbly request your committee's favorable consideration of Mr. Butay's nomination to serve as Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation.

Mahalo,

Tyler Dos Santos-Tam **Executive Director** 

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### TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 523

Senate Committee on Transportation

Feb. 24, 2015, 2:45 p.m. | Hawaii State Legislature | Room 229

To: Sen. Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair and Sen. Breene Harimoto, Vice Chair Committee Members: Sen. Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Sen. J. Kalani English, Sen. Will Espero, Sen. Lorraine R. Inouye, Sen. Michelle N. Kidani, Sen. Ronald D. Kouchi, Sen. Sam Slom

From: David J. Gustafson, Private Citizen, 3432/B1 Kalihi Street, Honolulu, HI 96819

Subject:

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, JADE BUTAY, for a term to expire 12-3-2018.

My name is David J. Gustafson, retired Professional Engineer in the State of Hawaii.

I would like to add my name to the many citizens who strongly support the
Governor's nomination of Jade Butay as Deputy Director for the State Department of
Transportation.

I have known Jade for a number of years and have found him to be extremely honest and unusually hard working. I am also familiar with his parents and their role as small-business owners in our fair City.

I would also like to complement Jade and the Department of Transportation on the work that have recently completed on the H1 Freeway in the section between Punahou Street and the Likelike Highway. It has proven to be a God-send to the commutors of Honolulu who drive this section of the Freeway as it effectively

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reduces traffic jams and loss of time.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify on behalf of the nomination of Jade Butay.

Sincerely,

David J. Gustafson





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Deputy Executive Director, Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation before the

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Tuesday, February 24, 2015 2:45 p.m. State Capitol, Conference Room 229

In consideration of GM523

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Director of the Department of Transportation, Gubernatorial Nominee, JADE BUTAY, for a term to expire 12-3-2018.

My name is Brennon Morioka, Deputy Executive Director of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) and I am writing to support the nomination of Mr. Jade Tabios Butay as Deputy Director of the Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT).

As the former Director of HDOT, I am very familiar with the department Mr. Butay has been asked to serve. He possesses the skill sets to successfully contribute, having served as a prior Deputy Director of Administration for HDOT from 2011 to 2013. Mr. Butay is well-suited to serve the interest of this department and the people of the State of Hawaii, and his willingness to continue his career in public service is a testament to his dedication to working hard. I have no doubt Mr. Butay will find fair solutions and work together as part of a team to get results.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide written testimony.